IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 8, 12, 14, 19 and 20 as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented dialogue learning system for teaching a language which is capable of automatically generating from a correct expression of a sentence a plurality of incorrect expressions of the sentence, the system comprising a template-template that contains within itself a plurality of templates and a plurality of nodes marked with label symbols that are associated with extraction rules, said system including a plurality of error rules by which the template-template can be expanded by adding a plurality of incorrect expressions of the sentence thereto as defined by the error rules, said extraction rules configured to extract a template from said template-template by including, excluding or modifying certain nodes of said template-template based on a value of the label symbols marking said nodes, said extracted template including at least one correct expression of the sentence and a plurality of incorrect expressions of the sentence, said system, by automatically defining a plurality of common incorrect expressions of the sentence

according to the error rules, providing for automatic diagnosis of grammatical errors committed by a learner, each of said extraction rules being associated with a set of said label symbols $(s_1, s_2, ... s_n)$, with each symbol in said set being assigned one or more values.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented system as set forth in claim 7 6, wherein each of said extraction rules is one of a plurality of rule types, with a first rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is either "appear" or "not appear", said system being configured to extract a template according to said first rule type by including in said extracted template either all the nodes having a symbol value of "appear" or all of the nodes having a symbol value of "not appear", but not both of these symbol values.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented system as set forth in claim 8, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a second rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is either a personal pronoun or

a personal pronoun possessive with each being defined by language grammar rules applicable to the language being learned.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a third rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is an arbitrary number.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented system as set forth in claim 10, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a fourth rule type providing that for all nodes marked with the fourth rule type, only one of said fourth rule type nodes can appear in the extracted template.

12. (Currently Amended) An automated computer-implementable dialogue learning system for teaching a language which is capable of automatically generating from a correct expression of a sentence a plurality of possible incorrect expressions of the sentence, said system comprising a template-template that contains within itself a plurality of templates and a plurality of nodes marked with label symbols that are associated with extraction rules, said template-template including at least one correct expression of a sentence, said system including a plurality of error

rules by which the template-template can be expanded to include at least one incorrect expression of said sentence, said extraction rules configured to extract a template from said template-template by including, excluding or modifying certain nodes of said template-template based on a value of the label symbols marking said nodes, said extracted template including at least one correct expression of the sentence and at least one incorrect expression of the sentence, said system, by automatically defining a plurality of common incorrect expressions of the sentence according to the error rules, providing for automatic diagnosis of grammatical errors committed by a learner, each of said extraction rules being associated with a set of said label symbols $(s_1, s_2, ... s_n)$, with each symbol in said set being assigned one or more values.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The automated computer-implementable system as set forth in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein each of said extraction rules is one of a plurality of rule types, with a first rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is either "appear" or "not appear", said system being configured to extract a template according to said first rule type by including in said extracted

template either all the nodes having a symbol value of "appear" or all of the nodes having a symbol value of "not appear", but not both of these symbol values.

15.   (Previously Presented) The automated computer-implementable system as set forth in claim 14, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a second rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is either a personal pronoun or a personal pronoun possessive with each being defined by language grammar rules applicable to the language being learned.

16.   (Previously Presented) The automated computer-implementable system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a third rule type providing that the symbol value of a particular node is an arbitrary number.

17.   (Previously Presented) The automated computer-implementable system as set forth in claim 16, wherein said plurality of rule types further includes a fourth rule type providing that for all nodes marked with the fourth rule type, only one of said fourth rule type nodes can appear in the extracted template.

18. (Previously Presented) The automated computer-implementable system as set forth in claim 12, wherein a plurality of templates can be automatically generated from said template-template by said computer system based on the label symbols marking said nodes and the extraction rules applied thereto.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An automated computer-implementable dialogue learning system ~~as set forth in claim 12, wherein~~ for teaching a language which is capable of automatically generating from a correct expression of a sentence a plurality of possible incorrect expressions of the sentence, said system comprising a template-template that contains within itself a plurality of templates and a plurality of nodes marked with label symbols that are associated with extraction rules, said template-template including at least one correct expression of a sentence, said system including a plurality of error rules by which the template-template can be expanded to include at least one incorrect expression of said sentence, said extraction rules configured to extract a template from said template-template by including, excluding or modifying certain nodes of said template-template based on a value of the label symbols marking said nodes, said extracted template including at least one correct expression of the sentence and at least one incorrect expression of the sentence, said system, by automatically defining a plurality of common incorrect expressions of the

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sentence according to the error rules, providing for automatic diagnosis of grammatical errors committed by a learner, said extracted template ~~includes~~ including a plurality of correct expressions of the sentence defined by a plurality of paths across the extracted template and a plurality of incorrect expressions of the sentence defined by a plurality of paths across the extracted template, said system using a heaviest common sequence algorithm to automatically determine an optimal path from said plurality of paths for said sentence.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An automated computer-implementable dialogue learning system ~~as set forth in claim 19, wherein~~ for teaching a language which is capable of automatically generating from a correct expression of a sentence a plurality of possible incorrect expressions of the sentence, said system comprising a template-template that contains within itself a plurality of templates and a plurality of nodes marked with label symbols that are associated with extraction rules, said template-template including at least one correct expression of a sentence, said system including a plurality of error rules by which the template-template can be expanded to include at least one incorrect expression of said sentence, said extraction rules configured to extract a template from said template-template by including, excluding or modifying certain nodes of said template-template based on a value of the label

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symbols marking said nodes, said extracted template including at least one correct expression of the sentence and at least one incorrect expression of the sentence, said system, by automatically defining a plurality of common incorrect expressions of the sentence according to the error rules, providing for automatic diagnosis of grammatical errors committed by a learner, said system ~~is~~ being configured to select the heaviest common sequence based on dynamic programming on a plurality of possible paths that could be extracted from the template-template without actually extracting all of said possible paths from the template-template.